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1. In August 1948 the Soviet Embassy issued a new code of behavior for Soviet officials, employees and citizens of both the Peiping and Tientsin communities. The directives were designed (1) to increase security consciousness among official personnel, and (2) to break up emigre communities and destroy their connections with other nationalities.
2. Soviet officials were told not to go around town without a definite purpose, and were warned to be cautious in their conversations even with Soviet citizens. Consulate personnel were ordered to sever all connections with emigres, foreigners and the local Chinese population; breaches of this order were to be punished. They were further forbidden to discuss Consulate affairs even among themselves, for fear of "involuntary treason". No literature was to be purchased save that sold at Serebrennikov's in Tientsin, or made available at the Consulate and the All-Union Association for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries (VOKS). At VOKS they were to avoid conversation with any Chinese who might be there.
3. The program with reference to the emigres included the following points:
 - a. All means possible were to be used to attract them to Soviet citizenship and to encourage their "voluntary" repatriation to the USSR.
 - b. Efforts were to be made to infiltrate emigre organizations for the purpose of winning over the leaders or discrediting them in their respective groups. Discords were to be fomented, and emigres were to be led to mistrust their leaders, one another, foreigners and Chinese.
 - c. Talented members of the emigre press were to be set against the emigre leaders, and efforts were to be made to promote the advancement of less capable personnel.

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- d. Soviet citizens were to be encouraged to attend the church, and the Consulate was to see to the restoration and upkeep of the Peiping Ecclesiastical Mission. These measures were designed to strengthen the Soviet claim to these properties against possible litigation. 25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Under the Sino-Soviet Peace Treaty of 1924 these premises fall within Soviet jurisdiction. [REDACTED] 25X1A paragraph 4, for further aspects of this problem.)
- e. Emigration to any country other than the USSR was to be discouraged.
- f. The remission of punishment to Soviet offenders was to be an additional stimulus to acceptance of Soviet citizenship.

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